Planning for a WMD Strike at National Security Special Events

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Super Bowl XXXVI

- NSSE background
- Typical event planning
- Special considerations for large-scale disasters
- Coordination with security
- Lessons learned

NSSE Background

- Federal Designation
- Places Secret Service in charge of operations
- Used 13 times before
- Also used for Salt Lake City Olympics
- Happened on 11/26/2001 for this game

Medical Operations

- More likely than disaster operations
- May be higher than normal volume
- Substance over glamour
- Estimates - 1 medical call per 1000 spectators

Security Issues

- Intelligence
- Threat Assessment
- Perimeter Security
- Crowd Screening and Control
- Training
- Communications
- Coordination of Available Resources

Medical Issues

- Training
- Threat Assessment
- Surveillance
- Scalable EMS Response
- CBR Responses
- Mass Casualty Preparedness
- Environmental Screening

Normal Event Medical Operations

- Designated venue provider
- Coordination with local EMS
- Team care
- Crowd and staff care
- Ingress and egress of emergency vehicles
- Consideration of unique circumstances

EMS Response

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Coordinated Planning

- Evaluate Needs

- Likely Scenarios

- Evaluate Venues

- Include all participating agencies

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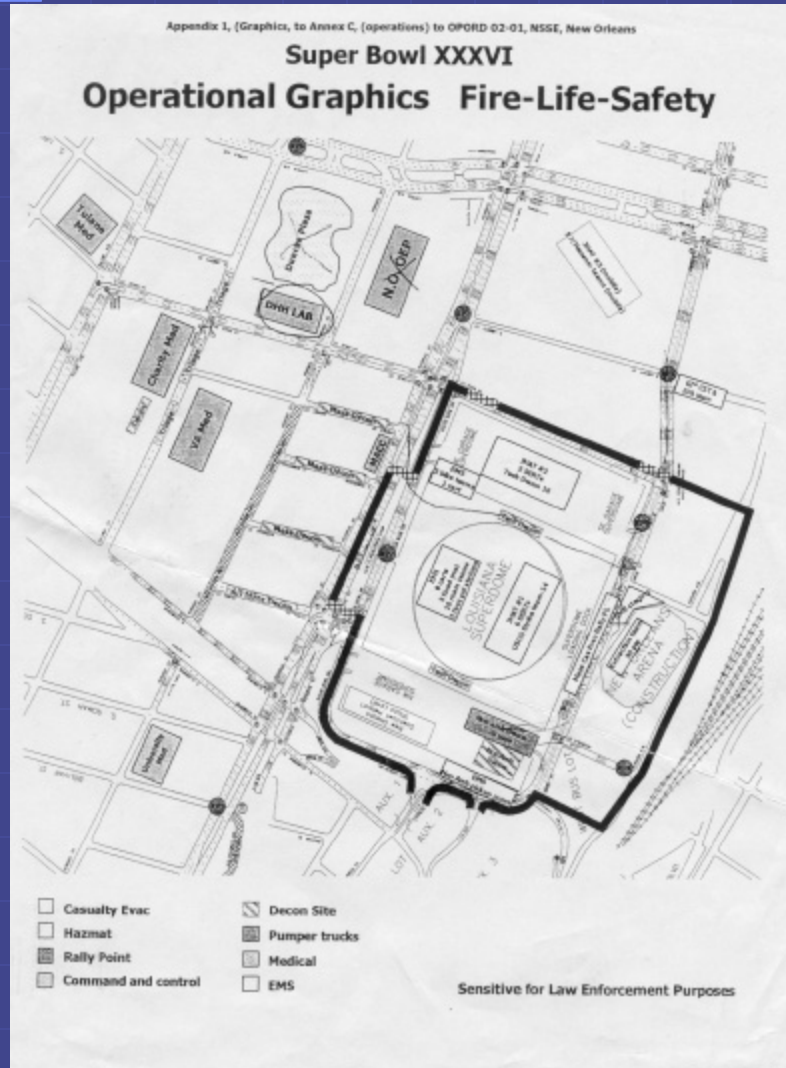
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Operational Plan

Threat Assessment

- Incendiary Devices
- Chemical Agents
- Biological Agents
- Nuclear Devices
- Hoaxes

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Public Health Surveillance

- Difficult task
- Multiple local hospitals (4 within 3 blocks)
- Surrounding communities involved
- Travel issues
- Pre- and post-game surveillance needed

Incident Response

- Normal resources
- Local agency backup (police, fire, EMS)
- State and federal assistance
- Public information key
- Who do you get out?
- Who do you keep in?

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Lessons Learned

- Don't neglect common problems
- Break down institutional barriers
- Find the best person to make things happen
- Be flexible
- Be inclusive